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TO 3600 MAIL ROOM

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Honorable Sir:

In compliance with applicants' duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, and, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the information contained in the following documents for consideration during the examination of the above-referenced patent application:

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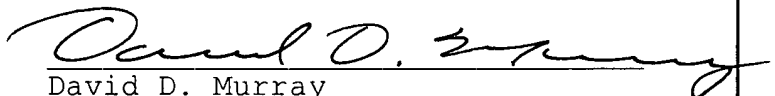
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The above-referenced patent application, as noted, was filed November 21, 2000. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), inasmuch as the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement occurred before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, no fee is due.

This Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other, better material information as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.56 exists.

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